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In re Application of:

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For: HEATER AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) An adsorbent for purification of automobile exhaust gas, comprising (a) a high-silica zeolite having a Si/Al ratio of not less than 40, and (b) a heat-resistant oxide, other than zeolite, loaded with a noble metal.

3. (Amended) An adsorbent structure comprising:

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT OR CREDIT FEES TO DEP. ACCT. 16-0331